(*b*) if so, in what stage the matter is at present (1-12-1105); and

(*c*) if not, whether they will consider the question of constructing a dockyard there as early as possible to remove this grievance of the traders there?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative. But the Chief Engineer has received a representation from the people of Tiruvallam, including merchants, on the 6th Dhanu 1105.

(*b*) and (*c*) The matter is engaging his attention.

Improvement of means of communication in the Trivandrum town.

195. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have any comprehensive scheme for improving the communications in the Trivandrum town ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware of the existence of large areas within the town without roads ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Yes. There are some areas where cart roads do not exist but which are served by lanes only.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know who is responsible for the improvement and maintenance of lanes in the Trivandrum town—the Municipality or the Government ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The Municipality is primarily responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the lanes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I am not concerned with primary and secondary responsibility. I want to know who is responsible under the existing arrangement ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The Municipality.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Not the Government ? Then who looks after the maintenance of roads in the town ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The Municipality may come to Government with its suggestions in the matter of improvements to existing roads and opening up of new ones.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Who spends money and who attends to the work ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The question as to whether the Government or the Municipality should meet the expenditure and in what proportion has to be decided according to the merits of each case.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : As a matter of fact, who maintains the roads in the town of Trivandrum now ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : They are being maintained by the P. W. Department.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Who is responsible, under the existing arrangements, for the lanes?

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PRESIDENT: Are you asking the question with regard to maintenance or improvements?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Both maintenance and improvements.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): As it is, the Municipality should attend to the work.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wanted to know what arrangements have been made at present? It has not been answered. I am not concerned with what it should be but with what it is

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I say that the roads in the Trivandrum town are being maintained by the P.W.D. The lanes are not being maintained by that Department.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): As far as the improvement of the lanes is concerned there must be somebody responsible for them. Is there anybody responsible for repair and maintenance of lanes in the town? It must be either the Municipality or the Government. I wish to know who it is.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary Government*): The lanes *are* under the control of the Municipality and not under the Government. It is doubtful whether the Municipality maintains them satisfactorily.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): That is a very undesirable state of things.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It rests with the Municipality to look into the matter.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): So, the Government have no responsibility in the matter?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No, so far as improvements to the lanes are concerned unless the Municipality approaches Government with its suggestions.

Employees in the Trivandrum Water Works Division.

196. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of retired Government servants, if any, employed in the Work Establishment of the Water Works Division on a monthly pay of not less than Rs. 20;

(*b*) their names, the pay they were getting in Government service and the pay they are now (3-12-1105) getting; and

(*c*) whether there were applicants who were not retired servants, and, if so, why such applicants were not preferred?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Four.

(*b*)

Name.	*Pay while in Government Service.*	*Present pay.*
	Rs.	Rs.
S. Chitambaratanu	55	50
V. Ramalingam Pillai	70	50
C. K. Korah	70	45
C. T. Thanu Pillai	40	20

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